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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SECRETARY SIMON AND PARTY AND WORKING
GROUPS TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: A) STATE 146471 (NOTAL) B) JIDDA 3920 (NOTAL)

1. PRINCE FAHD TOLD AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON (JULY 9)
THAT HE WOULD ASK THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO INSTRUCT SAUDI
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ISSUE GROUP VISAS FOR SECRETARY
SIMON'S PARTY AND FOR THE WORKING GROUPS.

2. PRINCE FAHD, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MOHAMMAD ABA
KHAIL WHO IS HANDLING THE WORKING GROUPS, ASKED THAT
ONLY THE WORKING GROUPS ON INDUSTRIALIZATION AND MANPOWER
COME AT THIS TIME. ALMOST ALL SAUDIS ARE TIED UP WITH
BUDGETARY PREPARATIONS AND MANY UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS
ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THESE TWO WORKING GROUPS
CAN BE RESCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME IN THE FALL.

3. THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE SIMON PARTY FOLLOWS:
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AMBASSADOR WILL GIVE SMALL DINNER FOR TOP OFFICIALS OF

PARTY ON THURSDAY, JULY 18. FRIDAY, JULY 19, PRINCE FAHD WILL MAKE HIS BOAT AVAILABLE FOR TOP OFFICIALS OF THE PARTY TO MAKE TOUR OF RED SEA. ENTIRE PARTY WILL DEPART THAT AFTERNOON FOR ZAKI YAMANI'S HOME IN HEDA NEAR TAIF, WHERE HE WILL PROVIDE FOKLORIC EXHIBITION. SATURDAY, JULY 20, THERE WILL BE AN AUDIENCE WITH THE KING FOLLOWED BY MEETING WITH PRINCE FAHD, PRINCE MUSA'ID AND MOHAMMAD ABA AL-KHAIL, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH GIVEN BY PRINCE FAHD. PARTY WILL DEPART THAT AFTERNOON FOR RIYADH FOR OPENING OF WORKING GROUP NEXT MORNING, SUNDAY, JULY 21, ENTIRE PARTY WILL PROBABLY STAY IN LOCAL HOTELS. PARTY WILL DEPART THAT AFTERNOON FOR KUWAIT.

4. SECRETARY SIMON AND FAMILY WILL STAY WITH THE AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA, OTHERS WILL BE IN LOCAL HOTELS. SECRETARY SIMON AND FAMILY AND "SEVERAL OTHERS" WILL STAY AT ZAKI YAMANI'S HOUSE IN HEDA, OTHERS WILL BE HOUSED IN LOCAL HOTEL.

5. THE AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD SAUDIS THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO GIFTS, THAT IF ANY ARE GIVEN THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED BY AMBASSADOR AND RETURNED TO SAUDIS.

6. PLEASE INFORM US SOONEST NAMES AND NUMBERS OF WORKING GROUPS.
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